GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ADVERSE EFFECT OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether health of the students affected adversely by the use of medicines meant for enhancing concentration;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the findings thereof; and

(d) the measures taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d): According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) concentration enhancing drugs are clamed to cause increased mental energy, alertness, memory and learning ability and cause decreasein depression. However, the effects on memory are variable. Use of medicines by students for enhancing concentration does affect some students adversely as could be the case with any medicine that may not suit the constitution of the individual. The Government has initiated through Drugs Controller General of India, a National Pharmacovigilance Programme for generating data on adverse drug reactions of the medicines used by the patients in various clinical conditions.